Upgradation of Institute of Mental Health Centre, Cuttack

631. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has submitted a proposal to the Centre to upgrade the Institute of Mental Health Centre at Cuttack and develop it into a centre of excellence; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the status of the proposal *inter-alia* indicating the time-frame within which this proposal would be considered and the approval of the Centre conveyed to the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

United States assistance to Orissa for HIV/AIDS control

632. SHRIMATI RENUBALA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) of US proposes to help Government of Orissa in its fight against HIV/AIDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government of Orissa has also entered into an agreement with IOC and UNICEF for development of infrastructure to fight this menace; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Centre for Disease Control (USG)/PEPFAR) is providing Technical Assistance to Orissa State AIDS Control Society (OSACS) and Ganjam District in the area of capacity building, strengthening implementation through better data use and applying developed counseling and Self-Help Group training tools. CDC, through LEPRA Society is providing the Technical Assistance (TA) to OSACS for a period of two years (ending September 29, 2010) at a total cost of approximately $ 45,000 (Rs.21,82,500) for Year 1. In the first year, CDC will provide:

- Implementation support for follow-up counseling (*i.e.* State Level Training of Trainer trainings)
- Strategic Planning support to State AIDS Control Society and Development of District Action Plan of Ganjam District.

The activities for the year - 2 will be decided in consultation with OSACS and NACO based on the outcome of Year - 1 Project.

(c) and (d) A Memorandum of Understanding has been executed on 8th day of November, 2008 between Orissa State AIDS Control Society, Indian Oil Corporation Limited and Orissa State Office for a period from 8 November, 2008 to 31st December, 2009 extendable for a period of up-to five years upon mutual agreement and analysis for:-

- Carrying on Behaviour Change (BCC) Communication Programme objectives for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS among the vulnerable people in transport business.